

WATCHET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of Medical Officer of Health for 1968

I will begin with the statistics for 1968.

There were 45 births (53 in 1967); 24 male, 21 female, 1 still birth.

There were 43 deaths (37 in 1967); 23 male, 20 female.

Percentage figures relating to these are as follows:-

1. Live births - Crude rate per 1,000 Home population 16.7
(16.9 is National average)
2. Illegitimate live births 3.
3. Still births 1 - Rate per 1,000 total births 22 (14 is National average)
4. Infant deaths Nil.
5. Perinatal Mortality - Rate per 1,000 total births 22
(25 is National average)
6. Maternal Mortality Nil.
7. Deaths, all ages - Crude rate per 1,000 Home Population 15.9
(11.9 is National average).

A breakdown of ages is as follows:-

	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>
Over 75	8	Over 75	7
65-75	12	65-75	7
55-65	2	55-65	5
45-55	<u>1</u>	35-45	<u>1</u>
	<u>23</u>		<u>20</u>

The causes of death were as follows:-

Cerebro Vascular disease	10
Pneumonia	6
Other forms of heart disease	4
Other diseases circulatory system	4
Ischaemic heart disease	3
Malignant neoplasm stomach	2
Other malignant neoplasms	2
Diabetes mellitus	2
Hypertensive disease	2
Bronchitis and emphysema	2
Other infectious and parasitic diseases	1
Malignant neoplasm bronchus	1
Leukaemia	1
Other diseases of nervous system	1
Peptic ulcer	1
Suicide	<u>1</u>
	<u>43</u>

Immunisations

I am unable to quote exact figures for these as they are all controlled by Computer. I can say, however, that approximately 75% of those sent for actually attend.

Infectious diseases

There was 1 isolated case of measles in the 3-4 years old age group.

Water Supply and ice cream

Our water supplies maintained a 100% record of purity, as did the ice cream samples..

Ships

There were 141 ships berthed at Watchet during 1968 compared with 48 in 1967. This has involved a large increase in routine work for the Public Health Inspector and myself, but I am happy to say that no serious problems were encountered that we were unable to deal with.

I would like to thank Mr. Werren once again publicly for all the help that he has given me during the year to maintain our high standards of public health and hygiene.

(Sgd.) Dr. R.J.R. Lewis

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Medical Officer of Health